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FRIST EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT'S NOMINATION OF JUDGE JOHN ROBERTS TO THE SUPREME COURT

Calls for Fair Process and an Up or Down Vote before October 3, 2005

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, M.D. (R-TN) made the following statement this evening upon hearing President Bush's intention to nominate Judge John G. Roberts as the next associate justice for the Supreme Court of the United States:

"Tonight, after a bipartisan and unprecedented consultation process, President Bush will announce the nomination of Judge John G. Roberts, Jr. as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. I commend the president on his choice. Judge Roberts is the kind of outstanding nominee that will make America proud. He embodies the qualities America expects in a justice on its highest court – someone who is fair, intelligent, impartial and committed to faithfully interpreting the Constitution and the law.

"As we look ahead, the Senate now must fulfill its constitutional duty to provide advice and consent on a Supreme Court nomination. For the majority of Senators, this will be a new process. As Majority Leader, I urge my fellow Senators to join me in making sure the process is fair, that we treat Judge Roberts with dignity and respect, and that we have an up or down vote on Judge Roberts' nomination before the Supreme Court begins its new term on October 3.

"I look forward to welcoming Judge Roberts to the Senate tomorrow and congratulate him on his nomination to the Supreme Court."

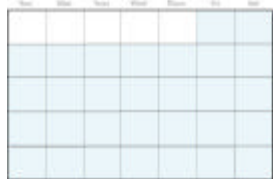
IN THE NEWS

"The National Association of Hispanic Firefighters believes that President George Bush has made the correct choice when nominating Judge John Roberts as our newest Supreme Court Justice".

ED DAVIS, PRESIDENT, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HISPANIC FIREFIGHTERS

United States Senate The Week Ahead

The Senate will continue to debate the Defense Authorization Bill



WEEKLY NEWS

Congressmen Applaud Senators Frist and Martinez for Securing Funding for a Permanent Airborne Platform for Radio and TV Marti

Washington, DC – Congressmen Lincoln Diaz-Balart, Ileana Ros-Lehtinen and Mario Diaz-Balart today praised Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-TN) and Senator Mel Martinez (R-FL) for their work in securing \$10 million in funding a permanent airborne platform for Radio and TV Marti. In a speech on the Senate Floor, Senator Frist yesterday called on his colleagues to "continue [their] support for the aspirations of the Cuban people ... [because] with just one plane and one radio station, we can broadcast the call of freedom to millions."

"I am deeply grateful to Senators Frist and Martinez for their demonstrated support for Radio and TV Marti's efforts to hasten the arrival of democracy in Cuba by providing truthful and timely information to the people of Cuba," said Congressman Lincoln Diaz-Balart. "Despite the efforts of the Castro regime, Radio and TV Marti remain beacons of hope and sources of objective information for the people of Cuba. I thank Senators Frist and Martinez for their continued commitment to freedom for the people of Cuba and for their leadership in securing this vital funding."

"I would like to thank Senator Frist for his invaluable support to bring freedom to the oppressed Cuban people," said Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen. "Senator Frist understands the importance of democracy and liberty and we are indebted to him for his actions and backing of Radio and TV Marti. I would also like to thank my good friend Mel Martinez for his work in getting his colleagues to understand the true nature of the tyrannical Castro regime. I commend both of the Senators for their stance and I thank them."

"Thanks to Senator Bill Frist, Radio and TV Marti will have a permanent airborne platform to transmit their signal to the Cuban people," Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart said. "Castro's terrorist regime is notorious for denying the Cuban people access to information, but, similar to the broadcasting of Radio Free America in the former Soviet bloc, the successful transmission of Radio and TV Marti increases the flow of information to as many Cubans as possible. I thank Mr. Frist for his strong support of freedom."



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